

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 9th 2003

IRTS AGM

The Irish Radio Transmitter Society Annual General Meeting will take place on Sun April the 27th at 2.30 p.m. in Jury's Green Isle Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin 22.

Nominations for all trophies must be with the awards committee on or before April the 5th. Entries for the construction trophies must present their equipment to the awards committee before 12 noon on the day. Entries for the Ian Morris Trophy must also be submitted before April the 5th. Enquiries to Sean Donelan EI4GK.

There will be no rally or dinner dance associated with this years AGM.

EI0TEN 28 MHz Beacon

Because of repeated reliability problems with EI0TEN at its present location, the beacon is to be moved shortly. Service interruptions will continue for the next 3 weeks or so. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. The new location is also beside the sea and should hopefully result in an equally good signal and vastly improved reliability. For further information, e-mail details are on the news page of the IRTS website.

Northern Ireland ARDF Championships

The Northern Ireland ARDF Championships will take place on Saturday the 14th of June 2003 at The Crawfordsburn Scout Centre, which is in County Down, between Belfast and Bangor.

Persons wishing to take part in this event will need to build an 80m Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) receiver and use it on the day. More details will be available later. You have 4 months to prepare. If you require any further information please contact David GI4FUM. URLs and e-mail details are on the news page of the IRTS website.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

A new Alinco repeater is currently in operation on a trial basis at the repeater site on Mt. Leinster. The repeater was put in place on Sunday the 2nd of March last by John EI8JA and Eoin EI7FXB and performance so far has been good. Reports are welcome. Please send reports to EI8JA or e-mail the club. E-mail details are on the news page of the IRTS website.

The next general meeting of the club will take place at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre on Wednesday the 26th of March. All are welcome.

Cork Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of Cork Radio Club will be held on Monday night, March 10th at Wilton Park House, Bishopstown in Cork City. All existing members are asked to attend. New members will be very welcome. The club meets every Monday night in Wilton Park house.

Dublin WAN Group

The next monthly meeting of the Dublin WAN group, who are part of the Irishwan wireless computer network, will take place on Saturday 29th of March at 2 p.m. It will be held upstairs in the Clarendon Pub on Clarendon Street. Clarendon Street is near the Gaiety Theatre and Saint Stephens Green in Dublin City Centre.

The meeting is open to members of the public that have questions about connecting to the City-wide Greater Dublin Wireless licence exempt computer network. For more details see the latest issue of Echo Ireland.

DX News

FO5RK is planning to be active from Rapa Island until the 20th of March. Rapa Island is located in the Australs group, which counts as a separate DXCC entity from French Polynesia. For the RSGB IOTA awards program, its reference is OC-051 for the RSGB IOTA awards program.

PJ7/W8EB will be active on 160 to 10 metres SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK-31 from Saint Maarten until the 23rd of March and F5PAC will be active from Panama until the 24th of March.

Enniskillen Rally

The 22nd Enniskillen Amateur Radio Show, hosted by Lough Erne ARC, will be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh on Sunday 6th of April 2003. Information from Herbie, GI6JPO on 028-6638-7761.

EI Activity Day 2003

All EI stations are asked to make a special effort to get on the air for the annual EI Activity Day which this year is a three-day event, to be held from Saturday Match 15th to Monday 17th inclusive. EI stations are still in great demand by stations trying to complete their Worked EI Counties Award and many overseas stations are also collecting Worked All Ireland Squares. Some years ago, clubs were very active in getting the rarer counties on the air. Maybe this effort could be repeated again this year.

Mayo REN

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network is pleased to announce that on Sunday April 13th the group will host "An Afternoon With Declan Craig EI6FR", commencing at 2.30 p.m. The event will take place in the Linenhall Arts Centre, Linenhall Street Castlebar.

The afternoon will commence with a short introduction to the hobby presented by John Corless, EI7IQ, followed by the main event, where Declan will give an insight on life at the other end of the pile-up as a rare one is activated.

The event is open to all, and admission is free. After the presentation, one of the many DXPedition videos featuring Declan, will be shown on the large screen in the Centre which can seat 150 people.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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